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Description

These documents, which cover the years 1891-1929, consist of correspondence and other items concerning Edison's winter home in Fort Myers, Florida. The documents pertain to ownership of the property, furnishings, and recreational activities. Included are two letters from James Symington, a close friend of Edison's father, written while he and Samuel Edison were vacationing at Fort Myers in 1891. Also included is Mina Edison's correspondence with the U.S. Bureau of Fisheries and with U.S. Senator Duncan U. Fletcher of Florida concerning the stocking of fish in estuaries near the Edison home.

The unselected material consists of photographs of Edison, Mina Miller Edison, Henry Ford, and others from the period 1918-1931.

One letter, written by James Symington in February 1891, was added in August 2012.

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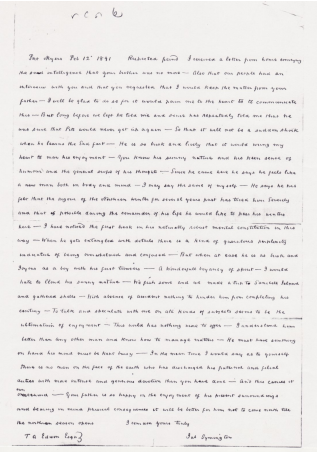

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[X104I1], Letter from James Symington to Thomas Alva Edison, February 12th, 1891

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[X104I1], Letter from James Symington to Thomas Alva Edison, February 12th, 1891

Author
Symington, James

Recipient
Edison, Thomas Alva

Mentioned

- Seminole Lodge and Fort Myers
- Edison, Samuel Ogden, (Father)
- Edison, William Pitt

Date
1891-02-12

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Sports, leisure, recreation
- Deaths and funerals
- Health and medicine

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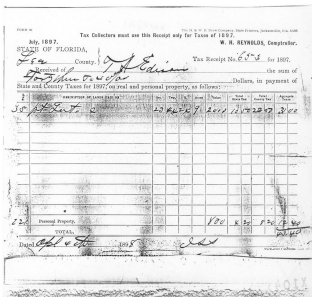
Fort Myers Feb 12th 1891 Respected friend I received a letter from home conveying the sad intelligence that your brother was no more — Also that our people had an interview with you and that you requested that I would keep the matter from your father — I will be glad to do so for it would pain me to the heart to to communicate this — But long before we left he told me and since has repeatedly told me that he was sure that Pitt would never get in again — So that it will not be a sudden shock when he learns the Sad fact — He is so brisk and lively that it would wring my heart to mar his enjoyment — You know his sunny nature and his keen sense of humour and the general scope of his thoughts — Since he came here he says he feels like a new man both in body and mind — I may say the same of myself — He says he has felt that the rigour of the Northern winter for several years past has tried him Severely and that if possible during the remainder of his life he would like to pass his winters here — I have noticed the first break in his naturally robust mental constitution in this way — When he gets entangled with details there is a kind of querulous perplexity indicative of being overwhelmed and confused — But when at ease he is as brisk and joyous as a boy with his first trowsers — A Wonderfull buoyancy of spirit — I would hate to cloud his sunny nature — We fish some and we made a trip to Sanibell Island and gathered shells — With absence of accident nothing to hinder him from completing his century — To talk and speculate with me on all kinds of subjects seems to be the ultimatum of enjoyment — This world has nothing more to offer — I understand him better than any other man and know how to manage matters — He must have somthing on hand his mind must be kept busy — In the mean time I would say as to yourself There is no man on the face of the earth who has discharged his fraternal and filial duties with more intense and generous devotion than you have done — And this carries it own
own reward — Your father is so happy in the enjoyment of his present surroundings and bearing in mind physical consequences it will be better for him not to come north till the northern season opens I remain yours truly

T A Edison Esqr

Jas Symington



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[X104IA1], Bill/Receipt from Lee County (Florida). Revenue Collector to Thomas Alva Edison, April 4th, 1898

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Author
Lee County (Florida). Revenue Collector

Recipient
Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1898-04-04

Type
Bill/Receipt

Subject

- Finances (TAE and family)
- Taxes

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FORM 46

The H. & W. B. Drew Company, State Printers, Jacksonville, Fla. 51295

Tax Collectors must use this Receipt only for Taxes of 1897.

July, 1897.

W. H. REYNOLDS, Comptroller.

STATE OF FLORIDA,

Lee County.

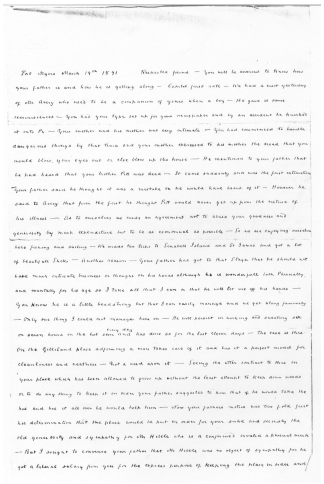
Tax Receipt No. 65-3 for 1897.

Received of T. A. Edison the sum of Forty three 40/100 Dollars, in payment of State and County Taxes for 1897, on real and personal property, as follows:

Page	DESCRIPTION OF LANDS PAID ON	Sec.	Twp.	R.	Acres	Value	Total State Tax	Total County Tax	Aggregate Taxes
35	Ft Myers Q	23	44	24 E	9	2000	10 00	20 00	30 00
220	Personal Property,					800	8 00	8 00	12 40
	TOTAL,								43.40

Dated April 4th 1898

TAX COLLECTOR.



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Title
[X104IA], Letter from James Symington to Thomas Alva Edison, March 19th, 1891

Author
Symington, James

Recipient
Edison, Thomas Alva

Mentioned

- Avery, David
- Gilliland, Ezra Torrance
- Hibble, William E
- Edison, Nancy Elliott, (Mother)
- Edison, Samuel Ogden, (Father)
- Edison, William Pitt

Date
1891-03-19

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- TAE friends and associates
- Labor

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Fort Myers March 19th 1891 Respected friend — You will be anxious to know how your father is and how he is getting along — Capital first rate — We had a visit yesterday of Mr Avery who used to be a companion of yours when a boy — He gave us some reminiscences — You had your type set up for your newspaper and by an accident he knocked it into Pi — Your mother and his mother was very intimate — You had commenced to handle dangerous things by that time and your mother expressed to his mother the dread that you would blow your eyes out or else blow up the house — He mentioned to your father that he had heard that your brother Pitt was dead — It came suddenly and was the first intimation your father said he thought it was a mistake or he would have heard of it — However he said to Avery that from the first he thought Pitt would never get up from the nature of his illness — As to ourselves we made an agreement not to abuse your goodness and generosity by much expenditure but to be as economical as possible — So we are enjoying ourselves here fishing and sailing — We made two trips to Sinabell Island and St James and got a lot of beautiful Shells — Another reason — Your father has got to that Stage that he should not have much intricate business or thought on his hands although he is wonderfull both Physically and mentally for his age so I take all that I can or that he will let me off his hands — You know he is a little headstrong but that I can easily manage and we get along famously — Only one thing I could not manage him in — He will persist in working and sweating six or seven hours in the hot sun every day and has done so for the last eleven days — The case is this On the Gilliland place adjoining a man takes care of it and has it a perfect model for cleanliness and neatness — Not a weed upon it — Seeing the utter contrast to this in your place which has been allowed to grow up without the least attempt to keep down weeds or to do any thing to keep it in order your father suggested to him that if he would take the hoe and hoe it all over he would help him — Now your fathers motive was two fold first his determination that the place would be put in order for your sake and secondly the old generosity and sympathy for Mr Hibble who is a confirmed invalid a phusical wreck — But I sought to convince your father that Mr Hibble was no object of sympathy for he got a liberal salary from you for the express purpose of keeping the place in order and

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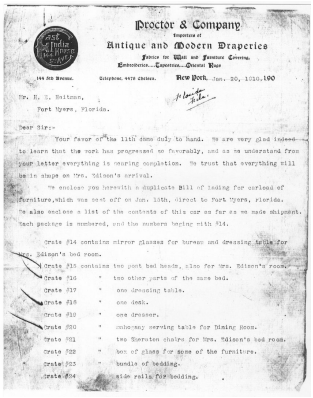
if not able to work himself he was amply able to hire help to do it and that I did not approve of him slaving like a common labourer doing work that Hibble was paid for — I suggested rather that he call Hibbles attention to the bounden duty which he owed to you and which he was paid for and could afford to hire help failing to be able to work himself — But no — His generosity and sympathys are too strong — At this moment while I am writing he is sweating and working like a horse — He will make a present of 20 dollars honest labour to Mr Hibble — However our sojourn here will inaugurate a new state of things — Hibble understands now that the place must be kept as neat and clean as Gilliland's is kept by his man — This much is gained — Both Hibble and wife are invalids but they have saved their money and can afford to hire — This is a fine climate and your father says that for several years the greatest trial he has had is the severity of the Northern Winters and that feeling the increasing inability to withstand the cold he would like to pass his remaining winters down here where soft winds and the genial weather of this land of the sun would pass his winters in comfort

I remain yours truly Jas Symington

T A Edison Esqr



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Importers of

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Period and Modern Furniture

Tapestries, Carpets, Oriental Rugs

[illegible] New York, Jan. 20, 1910.190

Mr. H. E. Heitman,

Fort Myers, Florida.

Dear Sir:-

Your favor of the 11th inst duly to hand. We are very glad indeed to learn that the work has progressed so favorably, and as we understand from your letter everything is nearing completion. We trust that everything will be in shape on Mrs. Edison's arrival.

We enclose you herewith a duplicate Bill of lading for carload of furniture, which was sent off on Jan. 12th, direct to Fort Myers, Florida. We also enclose a list of the contents of this car so far as we made shipment. Each package is numbered, and the numbers being with #14.

Crate #14 contains mirror glasses for bureau and dressing table for Mrs. Edison's bed room.

Crate #15 contains two post bed heads, also for Mrs. Edison's room.

Crate #16 " two other parts of the same bed.

Crate #17 " one dressing table.

Crate #18 " one desk.

Crate #19 " one dresser.

Crate #20 " cabinet serving table for Dining Room.

Crate #21 " two Venetian chairs for Mrs. Edison's bed room.

Crate #22 " box of glass for some of the furniture.

Crate #23 " bundle of bedding.

Crate #24 " side rails for bedding.

[X104IB], Letter from Proctor & Co to Harvie Earnhardt Heitman, January 20th, 1910

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[X104IB], Letter from Proctor & Co to Harvie Earnhardt Heitman, January 20th, 1910

Author
Proctor & Co

Recipient
Heitman, Harvie Earnhardt

Mentioned

- Seminole Lodge and Fort Myers
- Edison, Madeleine
- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Date
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Importers of

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Fabrics for Wall and Furniture Covering,

Embroideries.....Tapestries.....Oriental Rugs

East India House 144 5th AVE.

144 5th Avenue. Telephone, 4478 Chelsea. New York, Jan. 20, 1910. 190

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Florida File.

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Crate #18 " one desk.

Crate #19 " one dresser.

Crate #20 " mahogany serving table for Dining Room.

Crate #21 " two Sheraton chairs for Mrs. Edison's bed room.

Crate #22 " box of glass for some of the furniture.

Crate #23 " bundle of bedding.

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Crate #25 contains Dining Room table.

Crate #26 " wicker table, wicker hour glass stool, and foot stool.

Crate #27 " seven large leaves, and two small ones for Dining Room table.

Crate #28 " one mahogany Davenport for Living Room.

Crate #29 " one wicker arm chair.

Crate #30 " one wicker ear rocker.

Crates #31 to #42 inclusive contain wicker furniture for the Living Room & Den.

Crate #43 contains one bundle of rugs.

Crate #44 " " " " "

Crate #45 " the stair pads.

Crate #46 " another rug.

Crate #47 " two carpets.

Crates #48 & #49 - rugs.

Crate #50 contains two Cathedral chairs.

Crate #51 " dressing table.

Crate #52 " chiffonier.

Crate #53 " side chair.

Crate #54 " box of glass.

From #51 to #54 were received from the Grand Rapids Furniture Co.

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Crate #55 contains an enameled wash stand.

Crate #56 " a large enamel bed.

Crates #57 to 59 inclusive contain small iron beds.

Crates #60 to 62 " " springs for enamel beds.

Crate #63 contains a bundle of bedding.for the enamel beds.

Crate #64 & #65 contain side rails.

Crate #66 " one oak table for Den.

Crate #67 " a Cheraton square table(for Miss Edison's room)

Crate #68 " a Colonial high rocker.for the boys' room.

Crate #69 " eight valance boards.

Crates #70, 71 and 72 contain rugs received from Cloane & Co. for Piazza use, I believe.

Crate #73 contains other carpets.

Crates $74 to 79 inclusive contain wicker chairs.

Crate #80 contains a lrge couch for Mrs. Edison's bed room.

Crate #81 contains a lamp and shade for Living Room.

Crates #82 to #92 inclusive contain pillows, cushions, bed rolls, etc. for use in various rooms.

Crates #93, 94 and 95 contains brass rods for our man's use when he arrives (in hanging curtains)

Crate #96 contains one transom lift. We believe this is for use for door leading from Dining room into kitchen.

East India House 144 5th Ave.

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Crate #97 contains a bundle of cushions.

Crate #98 " also cushions.

In addition to these numbers we have given you, Mrs. Edison also sent a dray load of willow furniture, some odd chairs and various other articles from her house at Llewellyn Park. These we also put in the car, but had no means of knowing their contents nor any opportunity of numbering them. We think most of them are articles to be used on the Piazza.

Trusting you will receive them all in good order, we are,

Yours very tru;y,

PROCTOR & CO.

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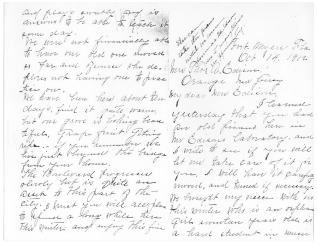

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[X104IC], Letter from Mrs H C Reynolds to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, October 14th, 1912

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Author
Reynolds, Mrs H C

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned
Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1912-10-14

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and plays sweetly and is anxious to be able to reach it some day.

We were not financially able to have our Stl one moved as far, and Connie she declares not having one to practice on.

We have been here about ten days, find it quite warm, but our grove is looking beautiful, Grape fruit Getting ripe - if you remember the two just beyond the bridge from your home.

The Boulevard progresses slowly but is quite an asset to this part of the city. I trust you will all please to excuse a long while here this winter, and enjoy this fine

She can take the piano until we come down as Mr. Edison says it is very fine in Spring Fork Mere Fla Oct 14. 1912

Mrs Thos A. Edison.
Orange New Jersey

My dear Mrs Edison,

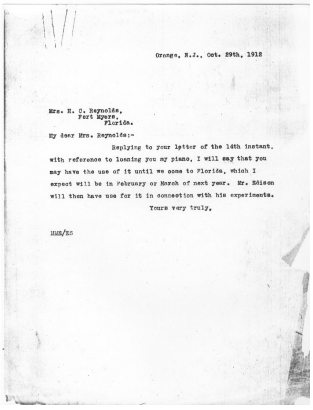
I learned yesterday that you had an old piano here in the Edisons Laboratory, and I write to see if you will let me take care of it for you, I will have it carefully moved, and tuned if necessary. We brought my niece with us this winter who is an orphan girl seventeen years old, is a hard student in music

Climate, and have Mr Edison; this is the busiest and greatest man of the age take a much needed rest.

Even though we do not always see you your presence here means so much, — for Mr Edisons life and Mind is an inspiration to the world!

Hoping to hear from you (in regard to request,) and wishing you and yours health and happiness — I am very truly

Mrs. H. C. Reynolds.



Orange, N.J., Oct. 29th, 1912

Mrs. H. C. Reynolds,
Fort Myers,
Florida.

My dear Mrs. Reynolds:-

Replying to your letter of the 14th instant, with reference to loaning you my piano, I will say that you may have the use of it until we come to Florida, which I expect will be in February or March of next year. Mr. Edison will then have use for it in connection with his experiments.

Yours very truly,

HMM/EC

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[X104ID], Letter from Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison to Mrs H C Reynolds, October 29th, 1912

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Author
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Recipient
Reynolds, Mrs H C

Mentioned
Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
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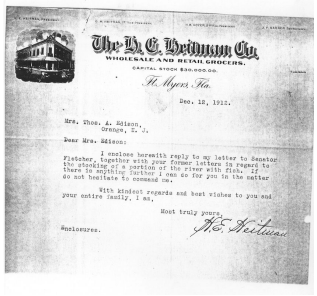
Yours very truly,

MME/ES


The H. C. Heitman Co.
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL GROCERS.
Ft. Myers, Fla.
Dec. 12, 1912.
Mrs. Thos. A. Edison,
Orange, N. J.
Dear Mrs. Edison:
I enclose herewith reply to my letter to Senator Fletcher, together with your former letter in regard to the straking of a portion of the river with Feb. 27 ... there is anything further I can do for you in the matter do not hesitate to command me.
With kindest regards and best wishes to you and your entire family, I am,
Most truly yours,
H. C. Heitman
Enclosures.

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Author
Heitman, Harvie Earnhardt

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

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Fletcher, Duncan Upshaw

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The H. E. Heitman Co.

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Ft. Myers, Fla.

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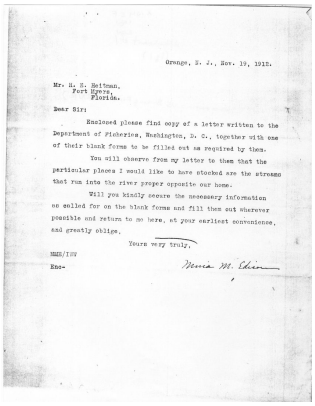

Orange, N. J., Nov. 19, 1912.

Mr. H. E. Heitman,
Fort Myers,
Florida.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find copy of a letter written to the Department of Fisheries, Washington, D. C., together with one of their blank forms to be filled out as required by them.

You will observe from my letter to them that the particular places I would like to have stocked are the streams that run into the river proper opposite our home.

Will you kindly secure the necessary information as called for on the blank forms and fill them out wherever possible and return to me here, at your earliest convenience, and greatly oblige,

Yours very truly,

MMM/IDV
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Heitman, Harvie Earnhardt

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Orange, N. J., Nov. 19, 1912.

Mr. H. E. Heitman,
Fort Myers,
Florida.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find copy of a letter written to the Department of Fisheries, Washington, D. C., together with one of their blank forms to be filled out as required by them.

You will observe from my letter to them that the particular places I would like to have stocked are the streams that run into the river proper opposite our home.

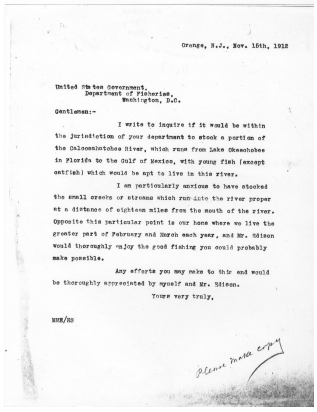
Will you kindly secure the necessary information as called for on the blank forms and fill them out wherever possible and return to me here, at your earliest convenience, and greatly oblige,

Yours very truly,

MME/IWW

Enc-

Mina M. Edison



Orange, N.J., Nov. 15th, 1912

United States Government,
Department of Fisheries,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:-

I write to inquire if it would be within the jurisdiction of your department to stock a portion of the Caloosahatchee River, which runs from Lake Okeechobee in Florida to the Gulf of Mexico, with young fish (except catfish) which would be apt to live in this river.

I am particularly anxious to have stocked the small creeks or streams which run into the river proper at a distance of eighteen miles from the mouth of the river. Opposite this particular point is our home where we live the greater part of February and March each year, and Mr. Edison would thoroughly enjoy the good fishing you could probably make possible.

Any efforts you may make to this end would be thoroughly appreciated by myself and Mr. Edison.

Yours very truly,

MMM/RS

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Author
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Recipient
U.S. Bureau of Fisheries

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Edison, Thomas Alva

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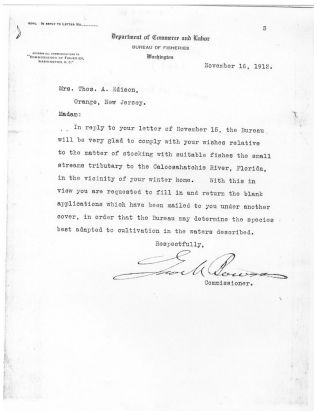

Department of Commerce and Labor
BUREAU OF FISHERIES
Washington

November 16, 1912.

Mrs. Thos. A. Edison,
Orange, New Jersey.

Madam:

In reply to your letter of November 16, the Bureau will be very glad to comply with your wishes relative to the matter of stocking with suitable fishes the small streams tributary to the Caloosahatchie River, Florida, in the vicinity of your winter home. With this in view you are requested to fill in and return the blank applications which have been mailed to you under another cover, in order that the Bureau may determine the species best adapted to cultivation in the waters described.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

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Author
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Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

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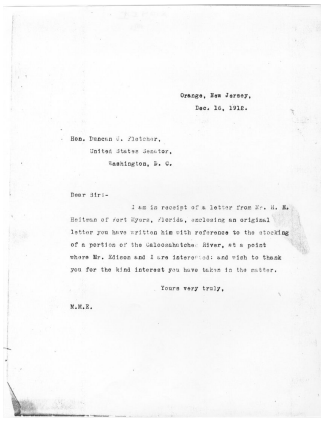

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Yours very truly,

M.M.E.

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Recipient
Fletcher, Duncan Upshaw

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- Edison, Thomas Alva

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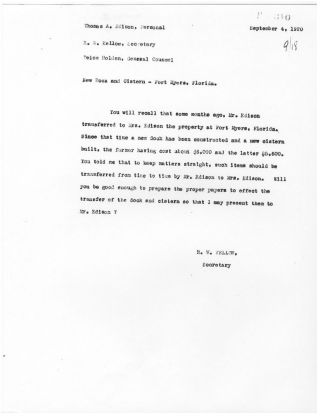

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Author
Kellow, Richard Wesley

Recipient
Holden, Delos

Mentioned

- Seminole Lodge and Fort Myers
- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
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Thomas A. Edison, Personal

September 4, 1920

R. W. Kellow, Secretary

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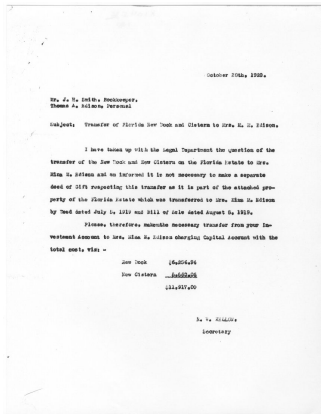
Delos Holden, General Counsel

New Dock and Cistern - Fort Myers, Florida.

You will recall that some months ago, Mr. Edison transferred to Mrs. Edison the property at Fort Myers, Florida. Since that time a new dock has been constructed and a new cistern built, the former having cost about $6,000 and the latter $5,600. You told me that to keep matters straight, such items should be transferred from time to time by Mr. Edison to Mrs. Edison. Will you be good enough to prepare the proper papers to effect the transfer of the dock and cistern so that I may present them to Mr. Edison ?

R. W. KELLOW,

Secretary



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Kellow, Richard Wesley

Recipient
Smith, John Howard

Mentioned

- Seminole Lodge and Fort Myers
- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Date
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October 20th, 1920.

Mr. J. H. Smith, Bookkeeper,
Thomas A. Edison, Personal

Subject: Transfer of Florida New Dock and Cistern to Mrs. M. M. Edison.

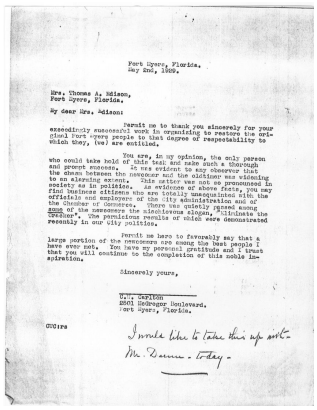
I have taken up with the Legal Department the question of the transfer of the New Dock and New Cistern on the Florida Estate to Mrs. Mina M. Edison and am informed it is not necessary to make a separate deed of Gift respecting this transfer as it is part of the attached property of the Florida Estate which was transferred to Mrs. Mina M. Edison by Deed dated July 5, 1919 and Bill of Sale dated August 5, 1919.

Please, therefore, make the necessary transfer from your Investment Account to Mrs. Mina M. Edison charging Capital Account with the total cost, viz: -

New Dock	$6,256.94
New Cistern	5,660.06
	$11,917.00

H. W. MILLS.

Secretary



Fort Myers, Florida.
May 2nd, 1929.

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,
Fort Myers, Florida.

My dear Mrs. Edison:

Permit me to thank you sincerely for your exceedingly successful work in organizing to restore the original Fort Myers people to the degree of respectability to which they, (we) are entitled.

You are, in my opinion, the only person who could take hold of this task and make such a thorough and prompt success. It was evident to any observer that the chasm between the newcomer and the oldtimer was widening in our social and business life. This latter was not so pronounced in society as in politics. As evidence of above fact, you may find business citizens who have been associated with the officials and employees of the city administration and of the Chamber of Commerce. There was quietly but surely a cancer of the newcomers the vicious slogan, "Eliminate the Cracker", the pernicious results of which were demonstrated recently in our city politics.

Permit me here to favorably say that a large portion of the newcomers are among the best people I have ever met. You have my personal gratitude and I trust that you will continue to the completion of this noble inspiration.

Sincerely yours,

W.W. Carlton
2501 McGregor Boulevard,
Fort Myers, Florida.

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I would like to take this up with Mr. Edison today.

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Carlton, C W

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

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